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Dear Sirs:

For:

Pursuant to Rule 56 and Rule 97 *et seq.*, Applicant hereby submits the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A; PTO/SB/08A; and the references listed thereon.

This submission does not represent that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art."

Applicant respectfully requests that each reference be reviewed and made of record in the attached Application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

Respectfully submitted,

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